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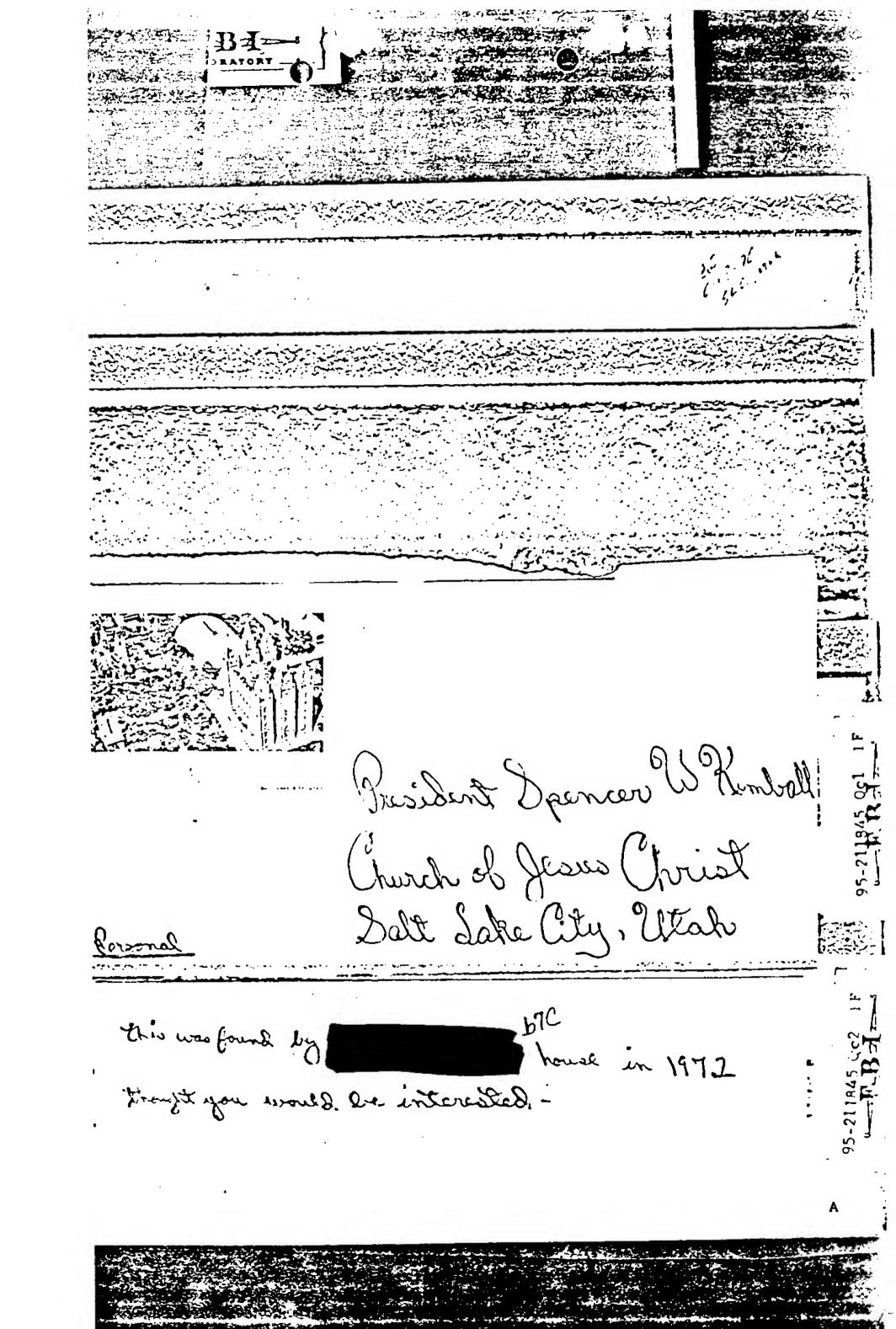
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Yours truly,

Howard R. Thusher

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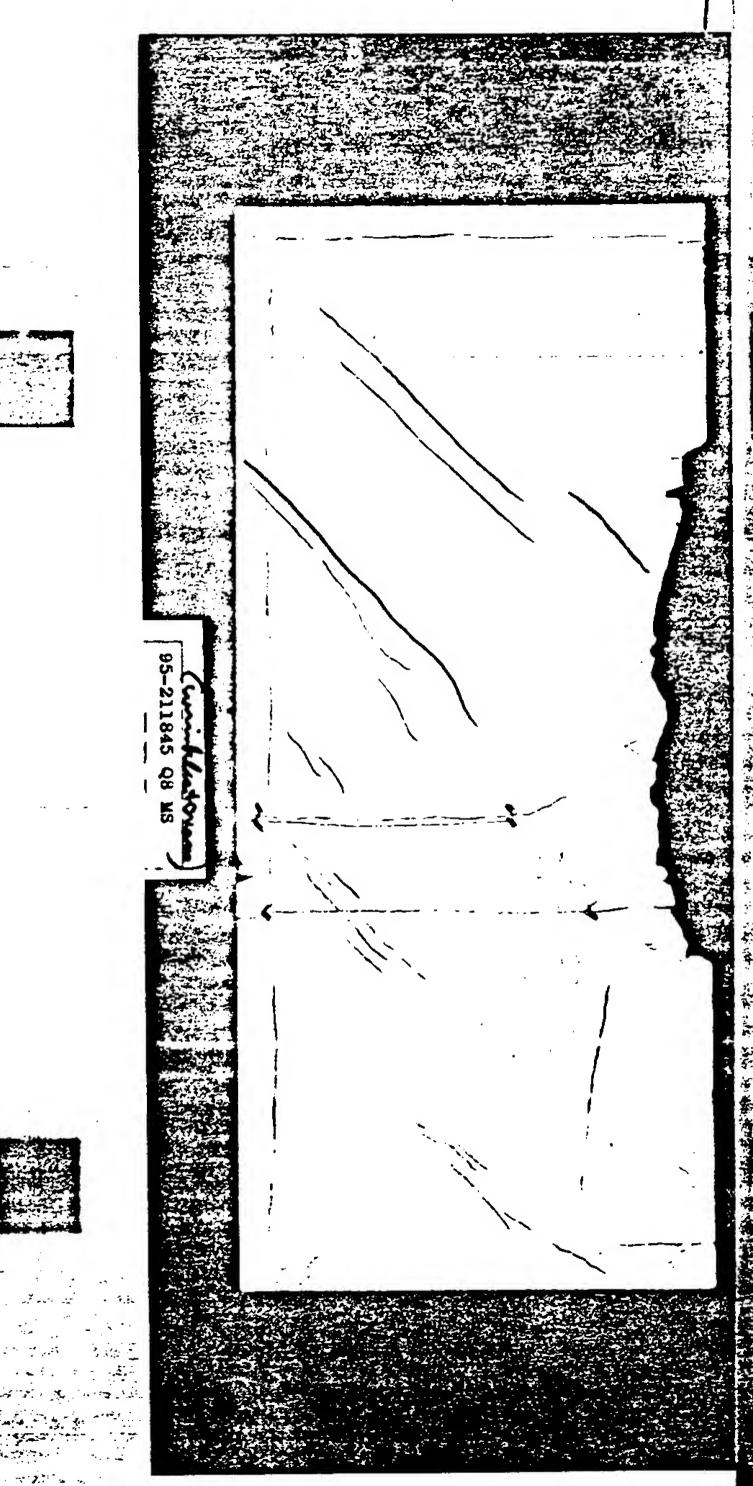
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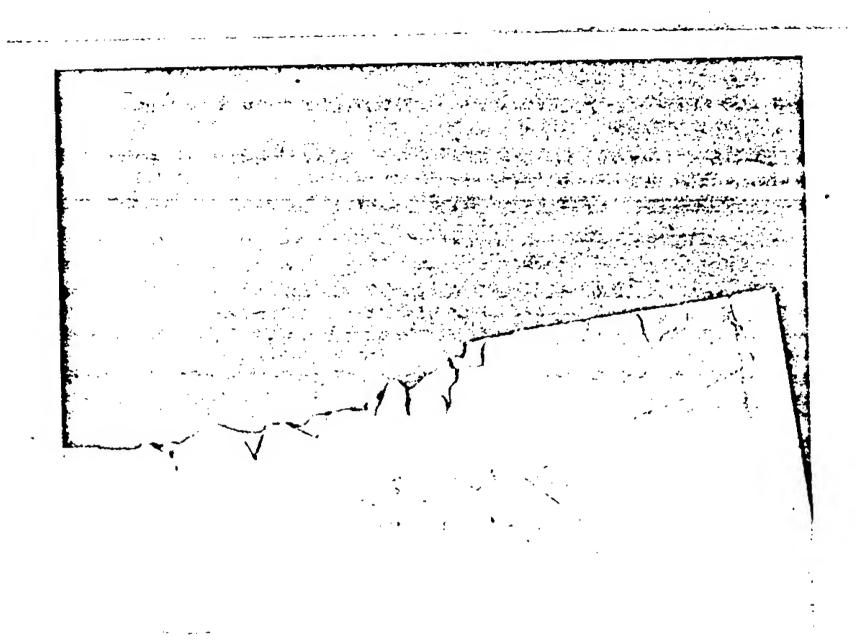
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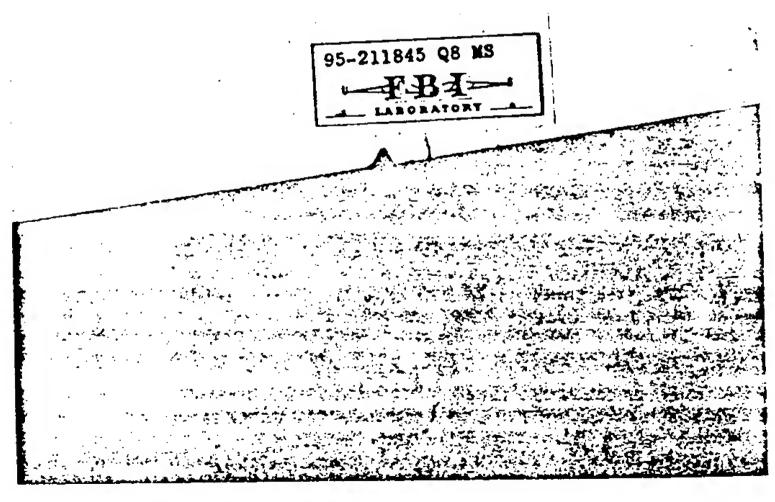
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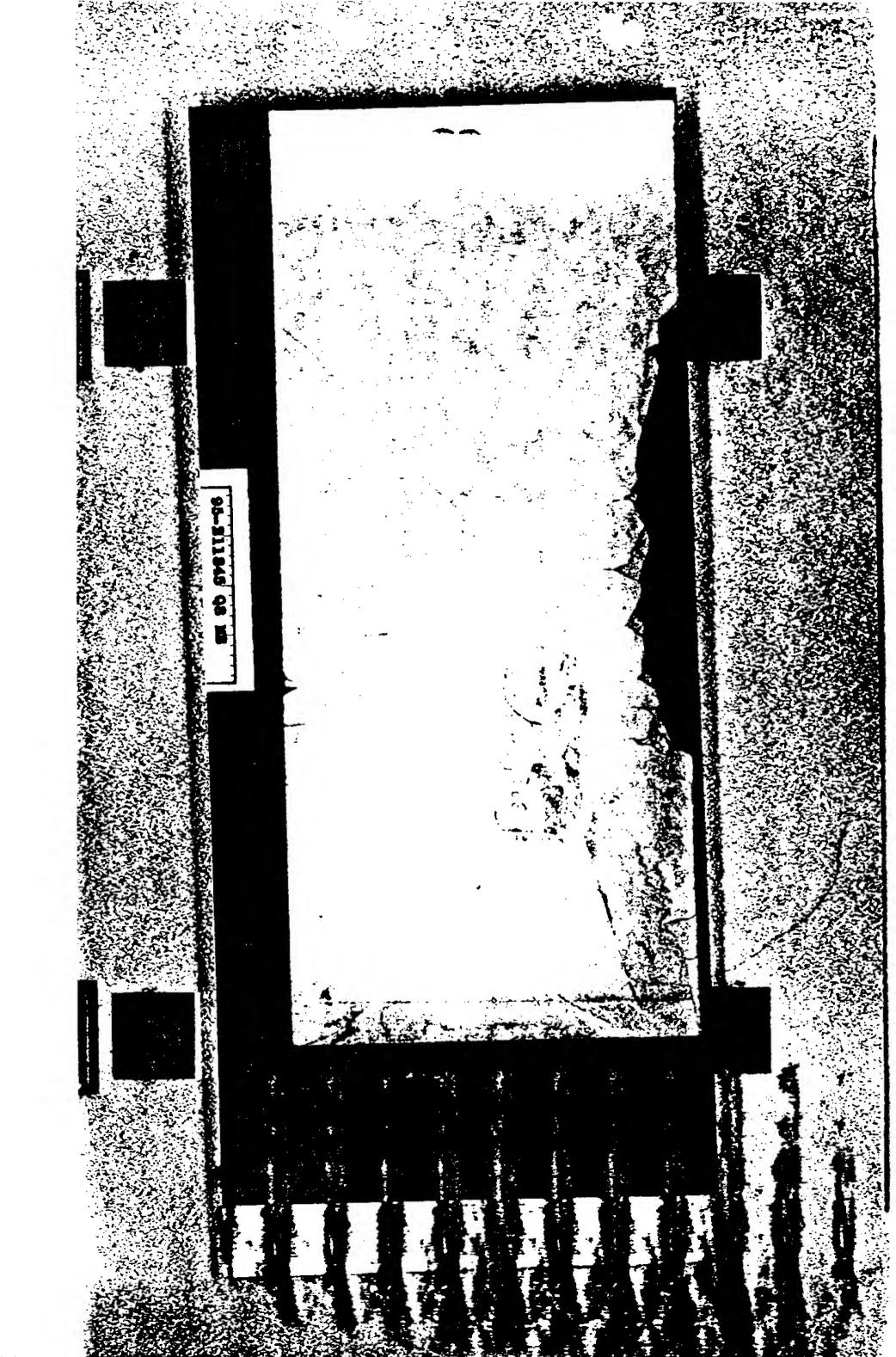
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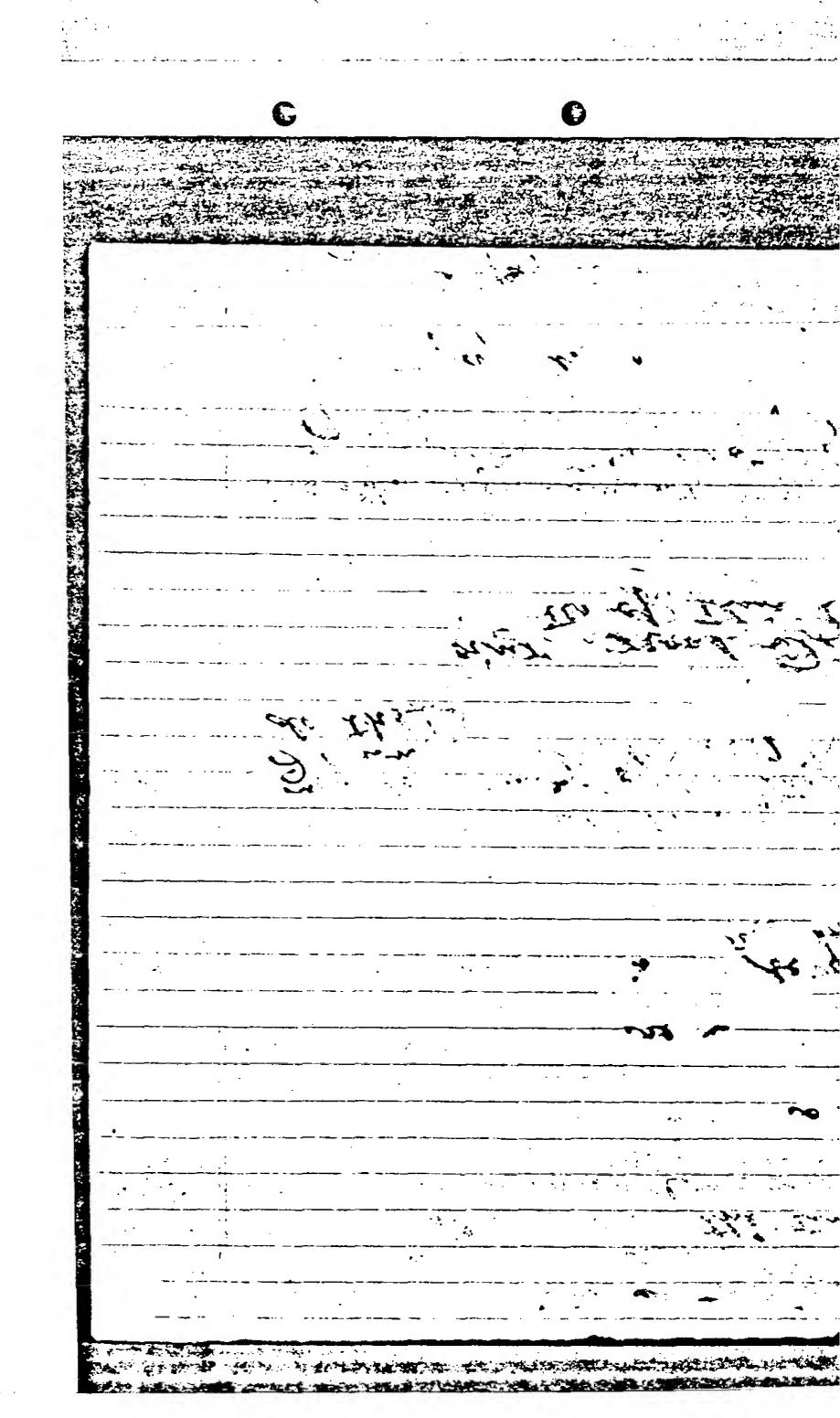




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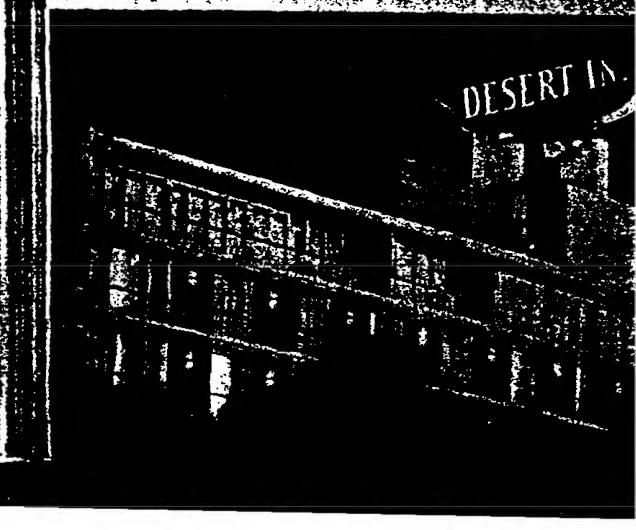
Sometimes the memos demanded instant action: "Please just acquire the Reno station as quickly as humanly possible." And: "Re the new spapers. I am willing to delay the takeover until the TV deal is done, but I am not willing to delay, even five minutes, starting negotiations to buy . . please do this even before the day is out."

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ROBERT LIST ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 3, 1977

Mr. Jim Lile Federal Bureau of Investigation Questioned Documents Section Washington, D. C. 20537

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter that I have received from Pitney Bowes concerning the Pitney Bowes mark on the envelope you have in your possession.

I hope that this will be of some assistance in your examination.

Again, many thanks for your cooperation and assistance in this case.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT LIST Attorney General

By

Bruce Greenhalgh Chief Investigator

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Enclosure



January 17, 1977

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator
Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Complex
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Mr. Greenhalgh:

In response to your letter of January 4, 1977 requesting evaluation of alleged Pitney-Bowes postage meter die impressions contained in two enclosed photographs marked "95-211845 Q8 MS FBI Laboratory", the relating of these pictures to legitimate serial numbered dies and meters produced by Pitney-Bowes, Inc., plus identifying licensed postage meter users by meter serial numbers.

You informed me orally that the purported postage die image in question appears on the reverse side of the envelope which contained the document alleged to be Howard Hughes' Last Will and Testament (the so-called "Mormon Will").

Your requests for information have been reviewed with Pitney-Bowes, Inc. management, and I have been authorized to examine the photographs, investigate and report the following:

The quality of the alleged postage die image shown in the subject photographs lacks the definition of line and character necessary to establish positive identification as a legitimate meter die assigned to a specific user during the period in question.

Assuming that the image is that of a legitimate Pitney-Bowes postage meter then the following evaluation is given:

- 1. The design is that of Pitney-Bowes model series "RT" and "RF" postage meters. These meters work only when combined with a model "R" machine.
- 2. Effective January 15, 1977, assigned serial numbers for this model series would be in the following groups: 100,000 - 199,999; 300,000 - 399,999 and 600,000 - 669,260. Number 623,150 was the highest number for this model series that could have been in service during March of 1968.

- 3. Location of the image on the envelope shows that the envelope could not have been inserted in a normal manner into any Model "R" series machine and meter combinations.
 - A. The distance of the leading edge of the die from the leading edge of the envelope, approximately two inches, would require that either the envelope was forced to override the normal trip position of the machine or the envelope was folded back prior to reaching the trip position.
 - B. The distance of the top line of the die from the top of the envelope exceeds the throat depth of the meter and machine. To obtain this abnormal top margin would require that the top part of the envelope was folded under when the impression was taken.
- 4. The ragged lines, characters and general blurring could have resulted from a number of contributing factors.
 - A. Heavy insert in the envelope, plus forcing of the envelope into the throat of the meter beyond its normal depth, would cause ballooning of the envelope resulting in a sliding movement of the envelope paper across the printing surface of the die as the envelope was compressed between the meter die and the machine impression roller.
 - B. The fact that the envelope would be forced beyond its normal depth into the meter throat and misaligned from normal printing would cause a springing action in the envelope that would result in twisting and sliding of the envelope in the act of printing.
 - C. If the envelope was of rag bond paper, the fiber would cause a poor printing surface with a tendency for the ink to follow the fiber with a resulting poor definition of printed line.
 - D. Blurring or smearing of the impression could occur if the impression was rubbed before the ink dried or if paper was subjected to contact with a foreign element that would attack the ink and/or paper.
 - E. Possibility that the ink used to make the impression was not approved postage meter ink containing the qualities necessary for producing and retaining legible impression.
 - F. Some lines observed in the photograph are not readily explainable and not normally made by a meter, such as the "A" in LAS. These could indicate mark overs after the original impression was made.

5. The impression on the envelope in question would not be Pitney-Bowes, Inc. florescent ink if the impression was made in 1968 because florescent ink was not field tested by Pitney-Bowes with United States Postal Service approval until February, 1969. United States Postal Service regulations did not require the use of florescent ink until July, 1973.

In response to your question "Can a list be established of all Pitney-Bowes stamps used in Nevada during 1968?", because of the time period involved, complete and accurate lists of meters in service in Nevada during 1968 are not now available. A computer printout of meters presently in service in the State of Nevada could be produced; however, because of cost to Pitney-Bowes, plus company policy relating to the confidential status of data relating to our customers, we would not normally release this information without the customer's written approval.

I suggest that a more direct source for data relating to postage meters in service, both past and present, would be local and/or regional United States Postal Service records. For example: every postage meter user must be licensed by the local Post Office where that meter will be used and an ongoing postage account maintained by that Post Office. This would include any meter activity within that account.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to correspond with me.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Barker, Manager Meter Repair & Performance

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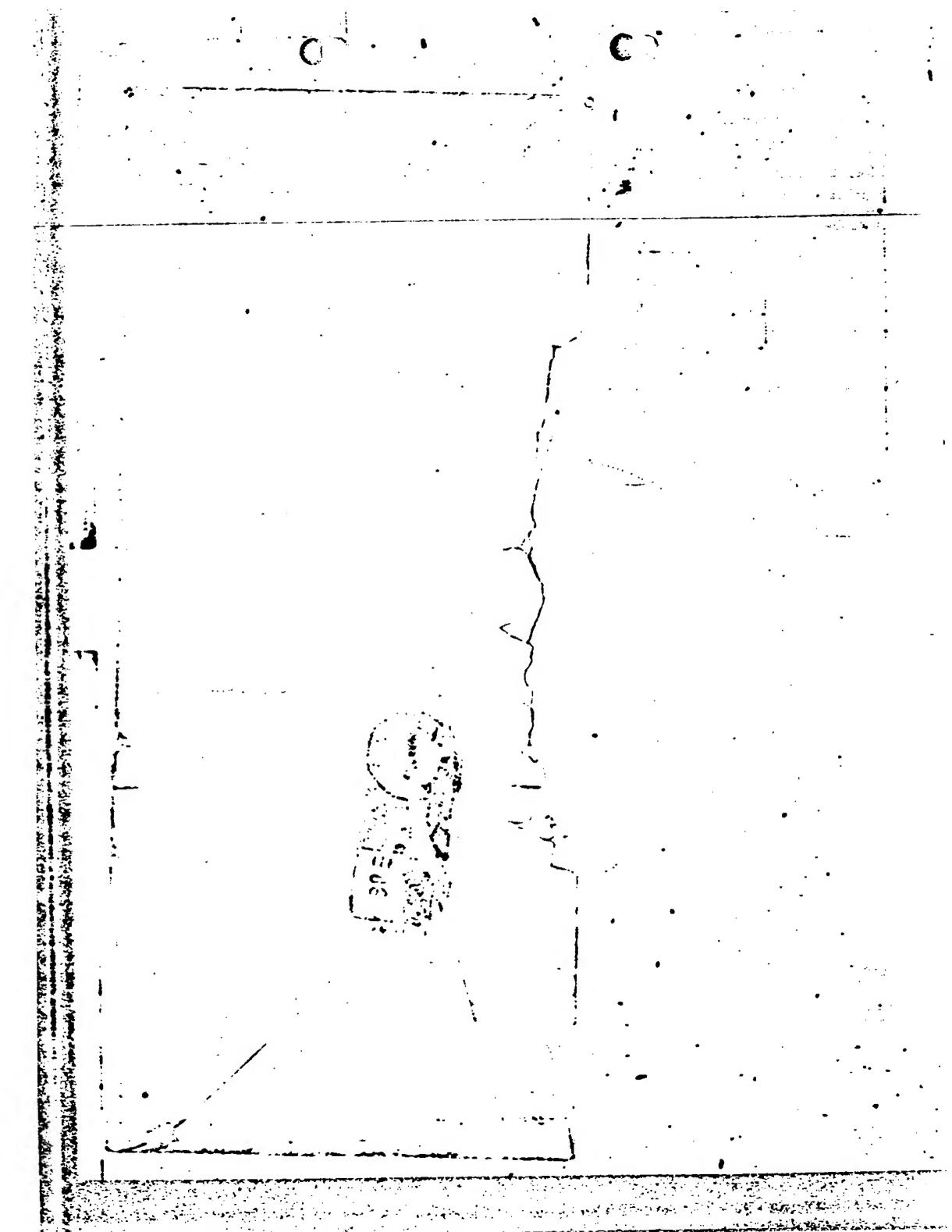
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April 18, 1977 TEObert List, Leg. Attornoy General Supreme Court Bailding Carson City, Hevada 89710 PBI FILE NO. 95-211845 LAB, NO. D-701214091 M5 / Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh Chief Investigator D-761230025 MS-Re: YOUR NO. D-770107041 XS-D-770111040 1:5 PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES! D-770117001 KS-MILLVIN DUMNAR - SUSPECT: D-770117399 AB ALLEGED PORGERY D-770118050 XS D-773121045 KS

Examination requested by: Addresses

Reference:

Telephone call on 4/14/77

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

This releark supplements Laboratory report to your office in this matter dated March 11, 1977, and confirms information supplied telephonically to Chief Investigator Greenhalph on April 14, 1977.

During the treatment for latent fingerprints of the GS envelope, a description of which can be found in the above-referenced Laboratory report, the flap of the envelope as physically removed and examined. It was observed that additional adjustive, different from the original water-solution adjustive on the flap of the envelope, had been added to the flap prior to scaling. The presence of this additional adhesive, as well as the other features which were observed in the envelope and which were reported in the above-referenced Laboratory report, are consistent with envelopes which have been steamed open and resealed.

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

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Date received:

Result of Examination:

Report to: Honorable Robert List Esq.

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attorney General Supreme Court Building

Carson City, herada 89710

attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh Chief directization

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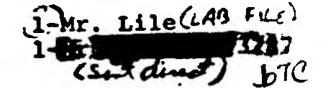
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March 11, 1977 Monorable Robert List, Esq. Attorney General REGISTERED Supreme Court building FBI FILE NO. Carson City, Novada 89710 95-211845 LAB. NO. D-761214091 MS Attention: Hr. Eruce Groenhalgh Chief Investigator D-761222051 MS Re: YOUR NO. D-761230025 MS 205-357 ~ D-770107041 MS PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. MUGHES! MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT: D-770111040 MS ALLEGED FORGERY D-770117001 KS D-770117099 MS D-770115050 HS D-770121045 M3

Examination requested by:

Addressee and FDI, Las Vegas

D-770224029 MS

Reference:

Attorney General, Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada letters dated 12/3/76, 1/3/77, 1/4/77, 1/11/77,

Examination requested:

1/13/77 and 2/17/77, letter received 12/29/76, and specimens received 12/21/76 and 1/20/77; FBI, Las Vegas communication dated 1/13/77

Document - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens received 12/14/76 from Attorney General, Carson City. Nevada, under cover of letter dated 12/8/76 (D-761214091 MS);

Photocopy of Ql, previously submitted Qcl

Photocopy of Q2, previously submitted Qc2

Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dear Qc3 Hr Mc Lay..."

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Qc4	Photocopies of a three-page handwritten document beginning "Last will and testament" and signed in "Howard R. Hughes" on each page
Qc5	Photocopy of handwritten note beginning 50-3
Qc6	Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing signature "Howard R. Eugnes"
Qc7	Photocopy of Proxy Mated 11/14/70 bearing signature "howard R. Bughus"
Kcl	Photocopies of application for employment dated 11/27/67, authorization note, and voluntary statement dated 1/15/76, all bearing writing of EMLVIN DUMMAR
Kc2	Photocopy of Application to Rent form and Rental Agreement bearing writing of 57C
Xc3	Photocopy of two-page letter bearing writing of
Bruce G	ns personally delivered on 12/21/76 by Chief Investigator reanhalgh (D-761222051 MS):
U 8	White envelope bearing handwriting beginning
Q9 ·	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "Last Will" and signed "howard R. Rugnes" (Original or Qc4)
Q10	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning 'third.one' and signed 'Howard R. Hughes' (Original of yel)
Q11	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "ninth:one" and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of Gc4)
K4	Six-page "Voluntary Statement" usted 1/15/76 bearing the known handwriting of MLLVIN E. DURMAR (Original of portion of Acl)
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Specimen personally delivered on 12/29/76 by Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalph under cover of letter received 12/29/76 (D-761230025 MS):

kine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the known writings of HOMARD R. HUCHES, further described as follows:

First page dated "3/16/66," beginning "Bob - You ask my..."

Second page beginning "Then, this night lead..."

Third page beginning "the treatury of a..."

Pourth page beginning "Bob, I have sent..." and Cated "Staroust 3/17/62..."

Pifth page beginning "Price: 31,200,909..."

Sixth page beginning "Bob, several things..." and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/68"

Seventh page dated "4/9/68," beginning "Bob- I have information..."

Lighth page dated "4/23/63," beginning "Bob-I dont think..."

Hinth page beginning "establish that we..."

Specimen received 1/6/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, Mevada, under cover of letter dated 1/3/77 (D-770107041 125):

The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning "KNOW ALL MEN...," dated 3/24/67, bearing the signature of HOWARD R. BUCHES

Specimen received 1/10/77 from Autorney General, Carson City, devada, under cover of letter dated 1/4/77 (D-770111040 MS):

K7 Three-page typewritten agreement, Gated 5/31/68, the third page bearing the signature of LOWARD R. EUGRES

Specimen received 1/14/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, Hevada, under cover of letter dated 1/11/77 (D-770117001 MS):

Eandwritten note dated 6/20/75 bearing signature of b7C

MELVIN E. DUNNAR and handwriting of

Specimen received 1/17/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, Nevada, under cover of letter dated 1/13/77 (D-770117099 HS):

One-page typewritten proxy dated 11/14/70 (Original of uc7) and two pages of quastions and answers bearing writing of LUMANU R. NUCKES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

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Specimen received 1/17/77 from PbI, Las Vegas, under cover of communication dated 1/13/77 (b-779113050 AS):

K10 . Sixty-four shouts of paper bearing writings of HOWARD R. NUGRES

Specimen personally delivered on 1/20/77 by Cnief Investigator Bruco Greenhalgh (D-770121045 ES):

Three-page handwritten letter on yellow legal sized paper, beginning on the first page "Dear Chester and Bill -...," and ending on third page "Howard &. hughes"

Specimen received 2/22/77 from Uffice of the Attorney General, Las Vegas, Nevada, under cover of latter dated 2/17/77 (D-770224029 13):

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known handwriting of

51C

Specimens personally delivered on 3/1/77 by Investigator

ALSO SUBSITTED: Fingerprint cards of nine persons (for elimination purposes)

Result of examination:

This report confirms and supplements information which was supplied telephonically to Chief lavostigator Greenhalph On Farch 7, 1977.

The submitted photocopies, (all through 3c7 and Kcl through Kc3, do not reproduce the writings on the original documents with sufficient clarity of detail for adequate handwriting comparisons.

The writings on the QI envelope and the QI note were slowly and deliberately prepared and contain inconsistencies, indicating that they probably are not the natural writings of the person or persons who prepared those writings. For these reasons, no determination could be made whether QI and QI were or were not prepared by sally H. DUSAR, the writer of Rel, R4 and a portion of R8; the writer of KC2; or the writer of RC3, a portion of R8, and K12.

Page 4 D-761214091 HS It was determined that the writings on the U8 envelope and the U9 through U11 three-page will were not prepared by nOWARD R. NUGRES, the writer of K5 through K7, K9, K10 and K11. It was further determined that the writings on Q8 through U11 represent an unskilled attempt to copy or simulate the genuine writings of NOWARD R. NUGRES. It was not possible to definitely determine which, if any, of the summitted genuine writings served as the model writings for the preparation of Q3 through Q11.

Due to the mathod of preparation of the writings on we through all, those writings do not contain a sufficient quantity of the natural handwriting characteristics of the writer or writers who prepared them, preventing any determination whether those writings were or were not prepared by MELVIN E. DUMMAR,

examinations of the 45 envelope were limited to non-destructive methods which failed to reveal any conclusive evidence that the envelope had or had not been steamed open and subsequently rescaled. However, excessive wrinkling was noted in the paper as well as slight bleeding of the ball-point ink writings. These characteristics are frequently found when a occurent has been subjected to steaming and subsequently namually pressed in an attempt to rescal an adhesive seam. Additionally, the discoloration and brittle and fragmented edges of the envelope could be explained by the envelope having been dried under high temperatures, covering and protecting the major portion of the envelope, but leaving the edges exposed.

side of the 33 envelope lacks sufficient clarity of line detail to permit a determination of the date or meter number by microscopic and special photographic examinations, nor could it be determined whether that impression was actually made by a mechanical postage meter stamp. Mowever, the configuration, relative spacing of portions of the image, and the general design conform to those used on postage meters manufactured by Pitney-Bowes, Incorporated, of Stamford, Connecticut. It was noted that the impression does not fluoresce under ultraviolet radiation.

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were limited to non-eastructive methods. It was determined that the streaking of the ball-point ink writings on those ablects are the result of applying a solvent along the right-edges, reculting in right-to-left smearing of the writings. Additionally, the locations of those amears indicate that the solvent application occurred either while the three sheets were folded while still wet, resulting in transferred writings and streaks at the folds.

The non-destructive examinations of the Q1 envelope, the Q1 note, the Q2 envelope, and the Q3 through Q11 sheets of paper failed to reveal any indented writings, waterworks, or other significant features which might be of assistance in determining either the source or the age of those documents.

You will be advised separately of the results of the examinations of the ink and stains on the through Oll as well as the results of the examinations of those items for latent fingerprints. We through Oll and the submitted fingerprint cards will be returned to your office at that time.

A high-contrast enlarged black and white photograph of the postage meter mark on the ge envelope is enclosed for your possible assistance. It is possible that a process referred to as "Image unhancement" might be of value in determining the illegible date and meter number on ge. Whis Laboratory is not equipped to perform such examinations at the present time. However, the following are currently engaged in that field of technology and may be of assistance. This listing should not be construed as an endorsement by this intrau, nor should the absence of other names be misconstrued as a lack of encorsement.

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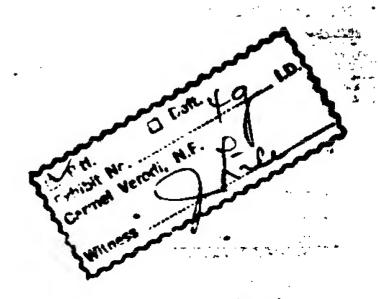
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All of the submitted specimens were photographed and those photographs have been retained. The gel through ge7 and Kel through Ke3 photocopies, Q1, Q2, K4, K8, and K12 are returned herewith. K9 was personally returned to Mr. LYNDAL L. SHAMEYPLLT on January 21, 1977. K10 was returned by registered that to the Fu1, Las Vegas, on February 24, 1977. K5, K6, A7 and All were personally returned to Investigator of your office on Earch 1, 1977.

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